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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: the Application of: Conklin et al  
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Serial No.: 09/702,049  
Examiner: Susanna MeineckeDiaz  
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Art Unit: 3623  
For: System and Method for Automated, Iterative Development Negotiations  
Docket No: ET00-007CIP

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)3 to withdraw the above application from issue to expressly abandon the application in favor of a continuing application, a request for which is filed herewith, together with a Submission of Information containing a form 1449, a notice of concurrent litigation, and copies of references.

Delivery by Federal Express Overnight delivery to Ms. Annette Masiello, who will hand deliver. Deposited with Federal Express on January 12, 2005.

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Authorization to charge the fees for a large entity for this petition and for the RCE to applicants' attorney's deposit account is included herewith.

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